



Branch Newsletter

January, 2024

By the Communication, Press & Publicity Committee

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

Our membership meeting will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, at the Ricketts Center, 658 Beech Street. Please come out to learn more about what we do, and what you can do to take part.

Here's a Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84995648174?pwd=QlAyaHZkZWlJXZWk1T3FWcHNFVnJlOQT09> Meeting ID:849 9564 8174 Passcode: 937480

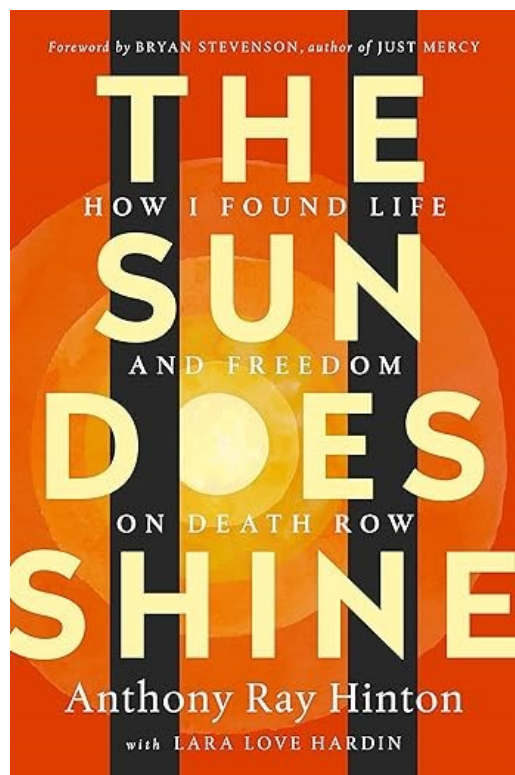
Out and about

As usual, President Johnny Corson is out in the community, making connections. On his calendar for the month:

- He met with Hill School's Head of School Kathleen Devaney.
- He attended two Martin Luther King Jr. services.
- A tour of U.S Axle Inc.'s Pottstown plant with State Sen. Tracy Pennycuick (R, 24th District). The company's CEO, Ken Harrison, is a member of the branch.
- A tour of Community Health and Dental, again with Pennycuick.

President Corson is pictured here at an earlier event with U.S. Rep. Madeleine Dean (D, 4th District), who has appointed him to her Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee.





Book Club's Feb. choice

The group has selected *The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row*, by Anthony Ray Hinton. We'll meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 12, in the Pottstown Library to discuss it.

In 1985, Hinton was arrested and charged with murder in Alabama. He was just 29. He knew it was a case of mistaken identity and believed he would be cleared.

But he had no money, and this was Alabama. Hinton spent his first three years on Death Row at Holman State Prison, despairing and angered. Eventually, he resolved to find a better way. For the next 27 years he transformed not only his own spirit, but also those of his fellow inmates, 54 of whom were executed mere feet from his cell. With the help of civil rights attorney Bryan Stevenson, Hinton won his release in 2015.

As usual, the library has reserved copies for us.

Winter Essentials Drive

You can help keep someone warm

The branch's WIN (women in the NAACP) Committee is holding a winter essentials clothing drive in partnership with Mission First. They need donations of new or gently used coats, hats, scarves, and gloves.

Please support the drive by searching through your closets and drawers to find those gently used items, said WIN Committee Chair Annette Kobb. "Your kindness and generosity is guaranteed to put a smile on the faces of the many less fortunate folks in our community. It's also sure to make you feel good knowing that you are helping someone stay warm."

Questions? Reach out to Annette or Rev. Robin Barrow or email the branch at pottstownnaacp.2288@gmail.com.

WIN
Pottstown Women in
NAACP # 2288 (WIN)
Partnership with Mission First
Winter Essentials Drive
January 22nd thru
February 29th
Drop off Hours:
Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday and Friday
9am- Noon
414 High Street
Pottstown PA 19464
New or Gently used Coats
Hats, Scarfs, Gloves, Socks

A great week for the branch's book and literacy project



Not all weeks are this good. But here's an example of what's been happening:

Friday, Jan. 12: A tractor-trailer pulls up at the end of our suburban book shed location and offloads a pallet of 17 cartons onto a pick-up truck. We drive the truck to the shed and start unpacking and labeling the 984 books inside.

Saturday, Jan. 13: We hold a label party and finish labeling, then to sorting them for recipients.

By Wednesday, Jan. 17: 860 books had been delivered to 11 locations.



NOTE:

We're looking for a few good people who can help by adopting a location and making regular book deliveries to it. If interested, please email Bob Bauers at bobbauers28@gmail.com.